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WASHINGTON, August 1, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 2,994 in June, compared with 1,301 in May and 150 in June 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The June figures brought the total for the first half of this year to 10,439 orders, compared with 2,669 at mid-year 1983.

Cars placed in service in June totaled 1,771, compared with 755 in May and 338 in June 1983. Cumulative installations for the first half of the year were 5,080, compared with 2,304 a year earlier.

As of July 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 7,267, compared with 5,723 on June 1, and 4,659 on July 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,476, compared with 4,367 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 60 locomotives were placed in service in June, compared with 16 in May and 13 in June 1983. So far this year, 191 locomotives have been put into service, compared with 125 at the same time last year.

As of July 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 202, compared with 229 on June 1, and 167 on July 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on July 1 totaled 24,858, compared with 25,182 on June 1 and 26,290 on July 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	June		May	Six Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	1,771	338	755	5,080	2,104
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	200
Built New - Total	1,771	338	755	5,080	2,304
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	*1,771	338	755	*5,080	2,304
Locomotives	60	13	16	191	125

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	2,744	150	1,301	10,189	2,566
To be built New in R.R. Shops	250	0	0	250	3
To be built New - Total	2,994	150	1,301	10,439	2,569
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL ORDERED	2,994	150	1,301	*10,439	2,669

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	July 1		June 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	7,017	4,556	5,723	6,434	4,289
To be built New in R.R. Shops	250	3	0	42	45
To be built New - Total	7,267	4,559	5,723	6,476	4,334
To be rebuilt	0	100	0	0	33
TOTAL ON ORDER	*7,267	4,659	5,723	*6,476	4,367
Locomotives	202	167	229	157	100

*Includes estimated tank car figures

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